(d) if so, by when the acquisition of land would be started?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) Subsequent to the declaration of Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway, proposals were invited from domestic as well as international consultants for comprehensive feasibility study of the Expressway including fixing of the alignment, planning of facilities, preliminary design and costing, preparation of bid documents and assistance in bidding. There was no response to the bids despite being invited twice. Further, limited enquiries were floated from some of the International Consultants working in India. Since there was no response, it was decided to split the services into smaller segments. In the first step, bids have been invited for fixing the expressway alignment. In the subsequent stages feasibility studies will be taken up.

(b) The various phases of planning and implementation are as under:-

(i) Fixing the alignment

(ii) Feasibility studies and facility planning.

(iii) Preparation of land plan schedules

(iv) Acquisition of land

(v) Preparation of bidding documents

(vi) Appraisal and approval of the project by Government.

(vii) Invitation of bids

(viii) Award of concession

(ix) Financial Closure

(x) Commencement of Expressway construction

(xi) Completion of the expressway and start of commercial operation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The land acquisition process is likely to start sometime in the middle of 2009.

Employees of PSUs

*214. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permanent employees working in PSUs under the administrative control of his Ministry as on the 31st March, 2007, unit-wise breakup; and

(b) the number of contract/casual/contingency workers working in these units as on the 31st March, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) The number of permanent employees working in PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry of Coal as on 31st March, 2007 is as under:—

Company	Manpower strength as on 31.3.2007
(A) Coal India Limited	
Eastern Coal Limited	98780
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	83578
Central Coalfield Limited	61610
Western Coal Limited	65599
South Eastern Coalfield Limited	85015
Mahanadi Coalfield Limited	20591
Northern Coalfield Limited	16726
North Eastern Coalfield	3210
Central Mine Planning Design Institute Limited	3127
Coal India Limited (HQ)	1107
TOTAL :	439343
(B) Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited	19115

(b) The number of contract/casual/contingency workers working in these PSUs as on 31st March, 2007 is as under:—

Company	No. of workers deployed by contractors	No. of Casual/ Badli workers & Company Trainees
(A) Coal India Limited		
Eastern Coalfield Limited	7264	1356
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	1109	997
Central Coalfield Limited	7454	395
Western Coalfield Limited	2350	476
South Eastern Coalfield Limited	6843	422
Mahanadi Coalfield Limited	6502	19
Northern Coalfield Limited	5608	NIL
North Eastern Coalfield	707	NIL
Others	461	—
TOTAL :	38298	3665
(B) Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited	13514	NIL